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Venice, March 4.

A Conſiderable Convoy of Tranſport Ships and other Veſſels ſailed lately from Malamoco towards Corfu, where our Fleet is refitted and taking in Proviſions in order to put to Sea very early this Spring. Two ſecond Rate Men of War were lately launched in our Arſenal, one of which was named the St. Zachary, and the other the Faulcon. But notwithſtanding theſe warlike Preparations we have Advice that a Treaty of Peace with the Turks will be ſhortly be ſet on Foot, and Signior Carlo Ruzzini, who is to aſſiſt at that Negotiation as Ambaſſadour from this Republick, has received Orders from the Senate to repair with all poſſible Expedition to Vienna, from whence he is to proceed to Fetiſlaw in Hungary where a Congreſs is to be held for that Purpoſe. The Duke of Queensberry has lately left this City intending to go to Rome, whither the Count de Charolois and ſeveral other Perſons of Quality will likewiſe be going in a few Days.

Copenhagen, March 8. Our Fleet is fitting out to Sea, and for the eaſier manning it for the future all the Seamen belonging thereto are to be regiſtred in a Book expreſſing the reſpective Ships they belong to, on board which they will be obliged to repair upon reaſonable Warning, and a Method is ſettled for their being regularly paid. We hear the Swedes are likewiſe fittting out their Fleet at Carlſcroon. Several new Taxes are reſolved on, for the raiſing of which Orders will ſhortly be iſſued, and Directions are given for exacting with great Severity ſuch Arrears of Cuſtoms as are owing by our Merchants. The Sieur Niſſen is appointed Governour of the Fortreſs of Tranquebar, and of our other Settlements on the Malabar Iſlands.

Paris, March 19. The 13th Inſtant the Biſhop of St. Omer, the Marquis de Crequy and another Gentleman of Artois, deputed as uſual from the States of that Province, had Audience of the King, being introduced by Prince Charles of Lorrain Governour of the ſaid Province, and the Marquis de la Vrilliere Secretary of State, and conducted by the Sieur des Granges Maſter of the Ceremonies, and according to Cuſtom they laid before his Majeſty an Account of the Proceedings of the ſaid States in their laſt Seſſion. M. de Rochefort, Preſident, and M. de Lambilly, one of the Counſellors of the Parliament of Rennes, are arrived here from Britany, in Purſuance of the Letters de Cachet ſent them to repair to Court to anſwer to ſuch Matters as were laid to their Charge, as having been the chief Inſtruments of fruſtrating the Endeavours that were lately uſed to reconcile that Parliament with the Marſhal de Monteſquiou, who commands the King's Forces in that Province. But that Diſpute is now ſaid to be in a fair way of Accommodation; and the States of that Province are to meet again the 1ſt of May next.

Hague, March 18. The States of Holland and Weſt-Friſeland met the 16th Inſtant, and have ſince given Directions to haſten the fitting out of the Squadron of Men of War deſigned for the Baltick, and iſſued conſiderable Sums of Money to the ſeveral Admiralties to be laid out in that Service. They have likewiſe had under Conſideration the Renewing of the Leaſes to the Farmers of the publick Revenues; which it is hoped will be put upon a better Foot as well in this Province as throughout the whole United Netherlands, than they have hitherto been, a Committee of the States General, the Council of State, and the Chamber of Accompts, being appointed to conſult upon Methods of managing them to the beſt Advantage. The States of this Province have reſolved to pay in ſeven yearly Payments, the Arrears due to the Troops of their Quota, the firſt Payment to be made this Year. The French Ambaſſadour M. de Chateauneuf being on his Departure, and M. de Morville his Succeſſor ſhortly expected, ſeveral Points of the Ceremonial to be obſerved on his Reception, have been ſettled by the States; and among other Matters it is reſolved that he ſhall be entertained at the publick Expence three Days, according to ancient Uſage, notwithſtanding what was determined about a Year and half ago concerning the laying aſide that Cuſtom; ſuch Frugality being looked upon as Diſhonourable to the Republick. The Sieur Coutier, who formerly commanded the Garriſon of Bonne, is choſen Governour of the Dutch Colony of Surinam, in the Room of the Sieur Maboni lately deceaſed, and will ſhortly take the uſual Oaths for that Employment before the States General, and will afterwards repair to his Government by the firſt Opportunity. The Tumult at Leyden, occaſioned by the new Regulations made by the Magiſtrates of that City concerning the Woollen Manufacture, is in ſome Meaſure appeaſed. General Rank has left this Place, and, as is ſaid, is gone back to Sweden. The Emperour has made a new Settlement of the Government of the Auſtrian Netherlands, of which Prince Eugene of Savoy continues Governour in Chief, and the Marquis de Prié, in his Abſence, is to have